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# Pre-Amendment A  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nobuyuki Kanno  
Appl. No. : Unknown  
Filed : Concurrently Herewith  
For : DRIVE UNIT FOR ELECTRIC  
MOTOR -OPERATED VEHICLE  
Examiner : Unknown  
Group Art Unit: Unknown

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this application on its merits, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend Claims 1 through 3 as follows:

1. (Amended) An electric motor-operated vehicle comprised of a frame, a wheel journaled by said frame, an electric motor carried by said frame and having an output shaft, and a transmission for selectively driving said wheel from said electric motor output shaft or permitting said wheel to free wheel relative to said output shaft, said transmission comprising a planetary gear mechanism having a sun gear element, at least one planetary gear element meshing with said sun gear element, a ring said gear element meshing with said planetary gear element and a carrier plate element supporting planetary gear element for rotation, said output shaft driving one of said planetary gear mechanism elements, another of said planetary gear mechanism elements being in driving relation with said wheel and a coupling element for